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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (157-166) (RUC)

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NEW YORK OO

Re Atlanta letter to Bureau, 10/15/63.

Names of individuals as set out in relet living within territory covered by Memphis FBI are as follows:

J. E. LOWERY, Nashville, Tenn., Second Vice-President

KELLY MILLER SMITH, Nashville, Tenn., Chaplain

R. L. DREW, Clarksdale, Miss., Executive Board

AARON E. HENRY, Clarksdale, Executive Board

B. L. HOOKS, Memphis, Tenn., Executive Board

CAROLE HOOVER (residence not shown), Field Secretary for Tennessee

ANNELL PONDER (residence not shown), Field Secretary for Mississippi

JAMES LAWSON, Memphis, Tenn., Special Consultant for Direct Action.

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1 - Atlanta (100-5718) (RM)
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1 - Memphis
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KELLY MILLER SMITH is pastor, First [illegible]ist Church (Negro), Nashville, Tenn., [redacted] (b)(7)(C)

AARON HENRY is a Negro, Clarksdale, Miss., [redacted] is President of Mississippi Chapter, NAACP, [redacted] (b)(7)(C)

B. L. HOOKS is a Negro attorney, Memphis, Tenn., and also a Baptist minister and an assistant public defender, Shelby County, Tenn. [redacted] (b)(7)(C)

JAMES LAWSON is identical with Rev. JAMES MORRIS LAWSON, aka JAMES MORRIS LAWSON, JR., Negro minister, pastor of Centenary Methodist Church. He is a member of the Executive Board, Memphis, Tenn., NAACP Chapter, a former theology student at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., and by reputation is one of the originators of the so-called Negro Nonviolent Protest Movement in this country.

The following possible subversive references to LAWSON are reflected in Memphis files:

Page C17, late City Edition, "New York Times," daily newspaper, New York, New York, issue of 2/22/62 carried a full-page listing captioned "An Appeal to House of Representatives Abolish HUAC"(The House Un-American Activities Committee). This appeal called upon Congress to abolish the HUAC. It called upon individuals to send contributions or write to JAMES IMBRIE, Treasurer, or CLARENCE E. PICKETT, Chairman, Ad Hoc Committee, 160 North 15th Street, Philadelphia 2 Pa. This appeal stated: "Funds for this advertisement were contributed by many whose signatures are listed below."

The appeal listed numerous individuals broken down by their vocational or professional standing;under "Religious Leaders" was listed "Rev. JAMES M. LAWSON, Nashville, Tenn. (On 12/3/63 [redacted] Memphis, advised that as of 2/22/62 LAWSON was living in Nashville, Tenn.) (b)(7)(C)

All racial and security sources have repeatedly been alerted to furnishing any evidences of possible Communist infiltration of Negro or racial groups.

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RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC
V. CLARENCE M. KELLY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)

SUBJECT: CPUSA-NEGRO QUESTION
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN
RACIAL MATTERS
IS-C
(OO: NY)

CLASS. & EXT. BY SP2 [illegible]
REASON FORM 11, 1-2, 4, 2
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 13 copies of a letterhead memorandum dated 12/12/63, and two copies are enclosed for Atlanta.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.
Bureau 100-3-116

New York, New York
December 12, 1963

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
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SLIP(S) OF C/RSS
DATE 5-27-80

Re: Communist Party, United States of America - Negro Question
Communist Influence In Racial Matters
Internal Security - C

On December 11, 1963, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Stanley Levison contacted Clarence Jones on that date. They discussed Martin Luther King's book, and during the course of this discussion, Levison mentioned that there are several chapters which should be revised and several others which require minor changes. Levison inquired about "the office uptown", and Jones replied that he thought the operation is to be transferred to Atlanta. Levison told Jones to get the key for the safety deposit box from Jack O'Dell (Hunter Pitts O'Dell), and he mentioned that there is a large list of contributors in the safe. They also discussed an appeal letter in connection with the "Jewish appeal". Levison said that he would send Wyatt (T. Walker) a constructive letter on the (Southern Christian Leadership Conference) Newsletter. Jones said he would appreciate that. (S)

[redacted] that as of July 16, 1963, Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA). (S)

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Re: Communist Party, United States
of America - Negro Question
Communist Influence In Racial Matters
Internal Security - C

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel for the Gandhi Society For Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

[redacted] b1

The LYL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

With respect to "the office uptown", mentioned by Levison, it is to be noted that it has been determined from the first source that when Levison and Jones refer to "the office uptown", they are in fact referring to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) office at 312 West 125th Street, New York City.

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Re: Communist Party, United States
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Hyatt T. Walker is an Assistant to Martin Luther King in the SCLC office in Atlanta.

The book referred to above is one which is currently being written on Martin Luther King's experiences in the civil rights struggle in Birmingham. [redacted]

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Indices of the New York Office contain no information concerning HERMINE POPPER.

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With respect to the contacting of JONES by "representatives of the Government", the NYO has not contacted JONES, and a review of NYO files did not reveal who the Government Representative might be.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Bureau 100-3-116

New York, New York
December 17, 1963

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Re: Communist Party, United States
of America - Negro Question
Communist Influence In Racial Matters
Internal Security - C

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(C) [redacted] furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones contacted Martin Luther King in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on that date. During the course of their discussion, King mentioned that he will be on a very "tight schedule" for the next few days. He said that he will be in Michigan on Wednesday, December 18, 1963; in Baltimore, Maryland, on Thursday, December 19, 1963; and Danville, Virginia, on Friday, December 20, 1963.

King mentioned that he does not feel there is any urgency for him to meet with Governor Rockefeller. Jones told King that he feels it is urgent for King to meet with Harry Wachtel and himself in order that the pressing problems confronting them may be discussed. Jones said that one of the most pressing problems involves the fact that "an inquiry was made of him (Jones) by a representative of the Government about a Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) representative". Jones said, "It was akin to the questions asked Jack". King replied that he did not understand this problem. Jones stated he is afraid that "this problem will snowball". Jones reminded

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Re: Communist Party, United States
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King that it could involve "the lawyer friend of Bill's". Jones said that "the government man" wanted to know "what position Bill's friend held in the SCLC", and Jones said that he told him that he did not know.

Jones and King made tentative plans to meet in Atlanta, Georgia, on December 22, 1963, if that is agreeable with Harry Wachtel.

King said that he did not like a recent Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) Television program dealing with the civil rights movement in Harlem. King asked Jones to let CBS know about this.

Jones said that Hermine Popper (ph) will edit King's book and will have it ready by January 13, 1963, if she gets ten per cent of King's royalties up to $3,000. He said that she wants an advance of $500. King said that he is agreeable to this but does not want anyone to get the impression that he receives help in preparing his books since he feels this would hurt his national image.

Jones informed Harry Wachtel's secretary that he had been in touch with Martin Luther King and that King would like to meet with Wachtel and himself. According to Jones, King said that he could meet with them in the morning of December 20, 1963, in Washington, D.C., from which point he will be departing at 2:00 o'clock by plane to go to Danville, Virginia. Jones said that King would also be available to meet with them on the evening of December 22, 1963, and the morning of December 23, 1963, in Atlanta, Georgia. Jones indicated he favored going to Atlanta since they would have more time to talk to King down there.

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(C) [redacted] Jones contacted Wachtel on that date. Jones mentioned that King is coming to New York City on Thursday, December 19, 1963, for a three hour conference with the publisher of King's book. After this conference, King will go to Baltimore.

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Clarence Jones is the General Counsel for the Gandhi Society For Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

[redacted] (C) b1

The LYL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Harry H. Wachtel is the Special Counsel for the Gandhi Society For Human Rights. He resides at 29 Split Rock Drive, Kings Point, Long Island, New York.

[redacted] (C) b1

[redacted] (C) b1

Re: Communist Party, United States
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[redacted] b1

With respect to the name Jack, which was mentioned by Clarence Jones, it is to be noted that Hunter Pitts O'Dell, who uses the name Jack O'Dell, was formerly administrator of the New York Office of the SCLC.

[redacted] b1

With respect to the comment made by Jones about "the lawyer friend of Bill's", it is to be noted that Arthur Kinoy recently joined Bill Kunstler's law firm as a partner.

[redacted] b1

[redacted] furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones said many people are upset because of the fact that (Arthur) Kinoy says that he is trial counsel for the SCLC.

Re: Communist Party, United States
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(C) [redacted] b1

[redacted] that a rally was held on October 24, 1962, sponsored by the New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee at the Manhattan Center, 34th Street and Eighth Avenue, New York City. William Kunstler spoke at the rally and told the audience that the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) interferes with social progress and the brotherhood of man. Kunstler called for the abolition of the HCUA.

(C) [redacted] b1

[redacted] that Kunstler had had the "Daily Worker" delivered to his home in Port Chester, New York.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist daily newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

William Kunstler is on the Board of Directors of the Gandhi Society For Human Rights.

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The book mentioned above is one which is being written regarding Martin Luther King's experiences in the civil rights struggle in Birmingham, Alabama. The title of the book is "Why We Can't Wait" and is being published by New American Library for World Literature, 501 Madison Avenue, New York City.

Characterizations of the National Lawyers Guild and the New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee.

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1. APPENDIX

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild

"1. Cited as a Communist front. (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)

"2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.)

"3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.' (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

1. APPENDIX SECRET

NEW YORK COUNCIL TO ABOLISH
THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES
COMMITTEE

On March 9, 1961, a source advised that the New York Council To Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NYCAUAC), 150 West 34th Street, New York City, New York, was formed at a meeting held in New York City on November 17, 1960. This organization was founded principally through the efforts of FRANK WILKINSON, Field Representative of the National Committee To Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NCAUAC).

A second source advised on September 17, 1952, that FRANK WILKINSON was a Communist Party member as of September, 1952.

A third source furnished on September 14, 1961, a copy of resolutions of the New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee (NYCAHUAC) which were adopted by the NYCAHUAC. One such resolution affirmed the intention to continue to work for the abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) and to continue its efforts to broaden the participation in this fight. Another resolution accepted as a modus vivendi the suggestion of the Field Representative of the "National Committee to Abolish the HCUA" (NCAHUAC) namely that local abolition committees may identify and co-ordinate their efforts as closely as they desire with NCAHUAC, still maintaining their autonomy for as flexible and independent a program as possible.

Various sources have advised during March, 1962, that Communist Party (CP) members in the New York City area have been solicited to support activities of the NYCAHUAC during attendance at CP club meetings.

On May 6, 1963, the first source advised that the NYCAHUAC continues to function from its office at 150 West 34th Street, New York City, New York.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794) DATE: 12/18/63

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5718) (P)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL,
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
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(OO: NEW YORK)

Re Baltimore letter, 12/16/63.

For purposes of reporting on instant matter, a characterization of LAWRENCE DUNBAR REDDICK will be sufficient. This characterization should include any information available reflecting Communist Party influence on REDDICK and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

(2) - Bureau (RM)
2 - Baltimore (RM)
2 - Atlanta

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Re New York airtel dated 12/17/63.

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The New York Office has not been in contact with JONES, and a review of the files in the New York Office did not reveal any information as to who the Federal Representatives might be.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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New York, New York
December 18, 1963

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Re: Communist Party, United States of America - Negro Question
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(c) [redacted] furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones contacted Martin Luther King in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on that date. During the course of their discussion, Jones said that Hermine Popper (ph) will edit King's book and will have it ready by January 13, 1964.

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(c) [redacted] which indicated that King contacted Jones on that date. Jones said that Hermine does not want to get into the material until she talks with King. Jones explained that she wants to get "the proper guide lines" from King. Jones said that after going over the material, she indicated that she has a good idea of what is expected of her but she said she would like to discuss with King the arrangement of the material. According to Jones, Hermine feels that it would save her from doing things over if King could have a discussion with her.

King suggested that he might fly from Baltimore to New York City on Friday, December 20, 1963, and arrive at 12:00 noon. He stated that he would be able to stay in New York City until four or five o'clock. Jones and King agreed this would be a good arrangement. King also suggested that if he

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did not have to come all the way into town from the airport, he would be able to spend more time at the meeting. It was agreed that Jones would make arrangements to get a room at or near the airport. Jones suggested that he might try to get a room at the International Hotel or at the airport itself.

King inquired about the financial status of the Gandhi Society, mentioning that they were still being confronted with bills in Danville. King said, "They throw it up to us all the time that the Gandhi Society made a commitment and that they haven't had the follow through". Jones replied that Harry Wachtel has been working on this with Bill Kunstler. Jones indicated that Wachtel has been going over the bills, and he said that there has been a source of dispute because of a number of commitments were made "without our prior knowledge". He said these were commitments made by Bill (Kunstler), and he said he felt that they would have to honor them. Jones informed King that he thought the bills came to about $12,000. Jones stated that some arrangements were made to have some money raised in Boston and that these funds were to be earmarked for Danville. Jones indicated that Wachtel was "a little angry" at the way Bill (Kunstler) had made certain commitments and "certain representations" without consulting him (Wachtel) or people in the (Gandhi) Society.

King told Jones that after New Years, he wants to have "a retreat like" conference for approximately two and a half days in North Carolina at "this retreat center" owned by the Episcopal Church. King said that the place is near Asheville. King indicated that it would give "us" time to get a little recreation; he mentioned that the place he has in mind has an indoor swimming pool and bowling alley. Continuing, King said that he was thinking of taking 20 or 30 people but not more than 30 people, and that these people would be members of the executive staff, a few of the board members, and four or five other people. King indicated he would like to have Jones and Wachtel come, and he also indicated

he would like to have Bayard Rustin attend. King explained that he felt this affair would be very valuable in that they could sit down and really discuss the program. King went on to explain that this would not be an administrative meeting as such, although he said some administrative matters might come up during that period. King said that it will mainly be looking at the program for 1964, and looking over 1963. He said that it will be "a where do we go from here discussion". King indicated that the affair would begin on January 6, 1964, at noon and that it would last until January 8, 1964, at noon. King suggested that it would cost approximately $2,500 for the retreat, and he stated that he feels the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) treasury cannot handle it at this time. Jones agreed with this and said that this is something the Gandhi Society can and should do. King suggested that Jones discuss this with Wachtel in order to get his views. King repeated that he would like to have Jones and Wachtel come, and he remarked that even if they brought their wives it would be a good break for a day or two.

Jones mentioned to King that arguments before the United States Supreme Court in regard to the "libel case" are scheduled for January 6, 1964. He also mentioned that the arguments involve "The New York Times" and the individual defendants who signed "the ad". Jones told King that William P. Rogers, the former Attorney General, and Sam Pierce are doing the oral argument and that Harry and himself were counsel and would be advising them during the argument.

Jones told King that he had been contacted by a representative of a Federal Agency who spoke to him about Arthur Kinoy's relationship with the SCLC, and Jones said that he told him he knew nothing about it. Jones said he mentioned that Kinoy was just an attorney with whom he had worked at one time. Jones said that the questions "assumed an organizational link which does not exist". King commented that "it is very important for us to clear that up because there is no connection other than indirectly through Bill". King reminded Jones that "we made the decision on that - how we would deal with it".

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Jones left instructions with his secretary, Jo Ann Mc Cloud, to contact Joan Daves, the publishers representative, and Miss Hermine Popper (ph), to tell them about the meeting on Friday.

Clarence Jones contacted Stanley Levison for the purpose of informing him about the meeting with King on December 20, 1963. It was agreed that Levison and Jones would meet at Levison's office to have a discussion before the meeting with King and then proceed from there to the airport. Levison mentioned that Hermine has all of the material with the exception of that which King has himself.

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel for the Gandhi Society For Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

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The LYL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Harry H. Wachtel is the Special Counsel for the Gandhi Society For Human Rights. He resides at 29 Split Rock Drive, Kings Point, Long Island, New York.

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that a rally was held on October 24, 1962, sponsored by the New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee at the Manhattan Center, 34th Street and Eighth Avenue, New York City. William Kunstler spoke at the rally and told the audience that the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) interferes with social progress and the brotherhood of man. Kunstler called for the abolition of the HCUA.

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that Kunstler had had the "Daily Worker" delivered to his home in Port Chester, New York.

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The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

William Kunstler is on the Board of Directors of the Gandhi Society For Human Rights.

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The book mentioned above is one which is being written regarding Martin Luther King's experiences in the civil rights struggle in Birmingham, Alabama. The title of the book is "Why We Can't Wait" and is being published by New American Library for World Literature, 501 Madison Avenue, New York City.

Characterizations of the National Lawyers Guild and the New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee are attached.

The "New York Herald Tribune" issue of August 14, 1963, page 7, column 1, contains an article captioned, "Thurmond Assails A Leader of March". The article stated that, in answer to charges by Senator Strom Thurmond, Bayard Rustin admitted joining the Young Communist League (YCL) in 1936. Rustin also reportedly stated that he broke completely with the YCL in June, 1941, after the Nazi attack on Russia.

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The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker", issue of February 25, 1957, page 1, column 1, contained an article which stated that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was one of eight non-Communist observers at the Communist Party National Convention in 1957.

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[redacted] that as of July 16, 1963, Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA). (8)

Governor Patterson of Alabama filed a one million dollar libel suit against "The New York Times", Martin Luther King and four Negro clergymen for an ad appearing in the March 29, 1960 issue of "The New York Times".

1. APPENDIX CONFIDENTIAL

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild

"1. Cited as a Communist front. (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)

"2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.)

"3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.' (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

1. APPENDIX

NEW YORK COUNCIL TO ABOLISH
THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES
COMMITTEE

On March 9, 1961, a source advised that the New York Council To Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NYCAUAC), 150 West 34th Street, New York City, New York, was formed at a meeting held in New York City on November 17, 1960. This organization was founded principally through the efforts of FRANK WILKINSON, Field Representative of the National Committee To Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NCAUAC).

A second source advised on September 17, 1952, that FRANK WILKINSON was a Communist Party member as of September, 1952.

A third source furnished on September 14, 1961, a copy of resolutions of the New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee (NYCAHUAC) which were adopted by the NYCAHUAC. One such resolution affirmed the intention to continue to work for the abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) and to continue its efforts to broaden the participation in this fight. Another resolution accepted as a modus vivendi the suggestion of the Field Representative of the "National Committee to Abolish the HCUA" (NCAHUAC) namely that local abolition committees may identify and co-ordinate their efforts as closely as they desire with NCAHUAC, still maintaining their autonomy for as flexible and independent a program as possible.

Various sources have advised during March, 1962, that Communist Party (CP) members in the New York City area have been solicited to support activities of the NYCAHUAC during attendance at CP club meetings.

On May 6, 1963, the first source advised that the NYCAHUAC continues to function from its office at 150 West 34th Street, New York City, New York.

All sources mentioned above have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Mr. W. C. Sullivan December 20, 1963

Mr. J. F. Bland

COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - C

The Attorney General, when granting authority for technical surveillances on the residence of Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), indicated he desired that coverage be closely watched and evaluated in thirty days. This matter is being closely watched and the following is submitted as justification for continuance of this coverage.

The technical surveillances on the residence of Martin Luther King, Jr., at 563 Johnson Avenue, Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia, and the SCLC office at 323 Auburn Avenue, Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia, were installed on November 8, 1963.

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Memorandum for Mr. Sullivan
RE: COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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Information has been furnished by this source regarding travel of King in connection with racial activities. Source has furnished information regarding dissension in the office of the SCLC, information indicating that the SCLC was in debt $16,000 to the 16th Street Baptist Church of Atlanta, Georgia, as well as information regarding plans for a "Holiday Freedom Fund" which was being set up by SCLC to obtain Christmas donations. One of these sources furnished information indicating King would be honored by "Time" magazine as the "Man of the Year." On November 22, 1963, one of these sources furnished information to the effect that Mary Lucille Hamilton, a Security Index subject, was working in the office of Wyatt Walker, Executive Assistant to the President of the SCLC. All pertinent information received from these sources has been furnished to the Attorney General and/or Assistant Attorneys General Marshall and Yeagley.

RECOMMENDATION:

In accordance with the Attorney General's desire, these installations have been closely supervised and evaluated. As these sources provide information regarding racial activities, as well as security matters, that would not otherwise be available, it is the recommendation of the Domestic Intelligence Division that these installations be continued for an additional three months.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794) DATE: 12/20/63

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-149194) CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: COMINFIL
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(OO: NEW YORK)

Re Atlanta letter to the Director dated 10/15/63 which set forth the title and position held by the leadership of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

A review of the indices of the NYO failed to reflect any information identifiable with C.O. SIMPKINS, D.D.S., Hollis, Long Island, New York listed as Fourth Vice-President, SCLC.

The following investigation was conducted utilizing the routine contacts of the NYO in a discreet effort to ascertain identifying data relative to GEORGE LAWRENCE, Brooklyn, New York, listed as Regional Representative, SCLC.

The files of [redacted] the Central Indices of the NY State Bureau of Motor Vehicles, the Central Indices of the Boards of Election for Brooklyn and Manhattan Counties, the records of Local Selective Service Boards # 31, #32, #40, #6 and #12 covering Brooklyn and Manhattan Counties, and the Name Index of the New York Public Library Newspaper Section were reviewed and indicated that the Rev. GEORGE LAWRENCE, Pastor of the Antioch Baptist Church, 828 Greene Avenue, Brooklyn, NY was interested in and active in Civil Rights demonstrations on behalf of the Negro, [redacted] that there was no record of an automobile registered in his name, that he had not registered to vote from either his present Brooklyn address (see below), that he was not carried on current

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Selective Service files and that his activity was not sufficiently prominent to be brought to the attention of the Public Library Newspaper Files.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were made available to Investigative Clerk [redacted] on 11/15/63 by [redacted] and they reflect that the Rev. GEORGE LAWRENCE, who resides at 175 Willoughby Street, Brooklyn, NY, and who previously had resided at 334 West 22nd Street, New York City, had been pastor of the Antioch Baptist Church in Brooklyn since April, 1959 and prior to that had been affiliated with the Friendship Baptist Church, 144 West 131st Street, New York City (since 1955). b7C

Suitable pretext telephone calls to the Friendship Baptist Church, the Baptist American Ministers Council, the Baptist Educational Center, the Baptist Ministers Pension Fund, the New York City Baptist Society and the Empire State Baptist Convention resulted in the information that the Rev. GEORGE LAWRENCE was known by reputation to have been educated at colleges in the Midwest (Ohio, Indiana and Illinois being mentioned) and to have been ordained in Ohio in approximately 1955. The persons contacted advised that Rev. GEORGE LAWRENCE was approximately 40 years of age and unmarried.

Mrs. PRISCILLA PIARCY, Secretary, Antioch Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York, was contacted under a suitable pretext and she advised that the Rev. LAWRENCE had been educated in the Midwest, had been ordained approximately 15 years, and was in his late 30's and that, as far as she knew, he had not been in the New York area very long.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794) DATE: December 19, 1963

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (100-16849) (P)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
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(OO: NEW YORK)

Re Atlanta letter to the Bureau dated 10/15/63.

The files of the New Orleans Office do not contain any subversive information concerning the following listed individuals mentioned in referenced Atlanta letter to the Bureau.

CLARENCE HENRY
New Orleans, Louisiana

MAJOR JOHNS
Maringouin, Louisiana

ANNELL PONDER
Mississippi

ANDREW MARRISETT
Lake Charles, Louisiana

JAMES ORANGE
New Iberia, Louisiana

HARDY PAYNE
New Iberia, Louisiana

JUANITA DANIELS
Alexandria, Louisiana

ROBERT SEALS
Lake Charles, Louisiana

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DANIEL HARRELL
Lake Charles, Louisiana

LAVERT TAYLOR
New Iberia, Louisiana

ELIZABETH HAYES
Alexandria, Louisiana

The files of this office reflect that CLARENCE "CLINK" [illegible]Y is President of Local 1419 International Longshoreman's Association, New Orleans, Louisiana.

The files also reflect that MAJOR JOHNS is a field secretary of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and has been active in a voter registration drive at Shreveport, Louisiana.

JOHNS has described himself as an organizer in voter registration drives and that he favors and encourages non-violent demonstrations.

The files of the New Orleans Office reflect that in Birmingham letterhead memorandum dated May 10, 1963 captioned Sit-ins, Birmingham, Alabama, Beginning April 3, 1963, the name HARDY PAYNE, Age 27, 1713-24th Street, Southwest was listed as one of the Negroes arrested on May 6, 1963 by the Birmingham Police Department in connection with demonstrations in that city.

The files of the New Orleans Office show that LAVERT TAYLOR is a field worker for the SCLC and has been engaged in integration activities in the New Orleans area.

The files of the New Orleans Office also reflect in Birmingham letterhead memorandum dated April 16, 1963 captioned Sit-ins, Birmingham, Alabama, April, 1963, on page 9, that one ELIZABETH HAYES, age 20, 842 Center Way, Southwest, was one of the individuals arrested on April 12, 1963 in Birmingham and charged with parading without a permit.

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(U.S.D.C, D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794) DATE: JAN 2 1964

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (100-47609) (RUC)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
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(OO: NEW YORK)

Re Cincinnati letter to Bureau dated 12/11/63.

Copies of this letter are furnished to Cincinnati and Atlanta for information in accordance with request in referenced letter.

FRED L. SHUTTLESWORTH
Cincinnati, Ohio
Secretary

The following is furnished in accordance with request in referenced letter, Page 10, for verification of information from original sources.

It is not deemed necessary to recontact [redacted] and [redacted] to determine whether they desire that their identities be concealed, since they are [redacted] and a labor union convention was involved. The need for concealment would logically continue. (b)(7)(D)

[redacted] furnished the "25th Convention Summary", from which information is cited on Page 11 of report of SA [redacted] dated 10/20/60 at Newark captioned "COMINFIL, UNITED ELECTRICAL, RADIO AND MACHINE WORKERS OF MAERICA; IS - C; (OO: NEW YORK)", New York File 100-13644. The "25th Convention Summary" was furnished to New York as enclosure #12 with that report. (b)(7)(D) (b)(7)(C)

Page 34 of the same report reflected that Rev. SHUTTLESWORTH was mentioned in "UE News" of 9/26/60, Page 9. It is noted that the 9/26/60 issue of "UE News" was transmitted to New York by Newark letter to New York dated 10/21/60 captioned

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"COMINFIL, UERMWA; IS - C", New York File 100-13644.

With respect to information on Pages 32 and 34 of the same report of SA [redacted] regarding the fact that SHUTTLESWORTH was possibly headquartered at the Ambassador Hotel in Atlantic City, it is suggested that this information, if utilized, should be phrased thusly: (b)(d)(c)

[redacted] (concealed by request; in a position to furnish reliable information) advised on 9/20/60 that it had been originally planned that a number of individuals, including Rev. SHUTTLESWORTH, Birmingham, Alabama, would be headquartered at the Ambassador Hotel during the convention of UNITED ELECTRICAL, RADIO AND MACHINE WORKERS OF AMERICA from 9/12 to 9/16/60. However, this source could not state where Rev. SHUTTLESWORTH was headquartered or whether Rev. SHUTTLESWORTH attended sessions of the convention." (b)(d)(c)

Newark indices reflect no further pertinent information concerning SHUTTLESWORTH.

LEADS

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK CITY. 1. Will verify information regarding SHUTTLESWORTH referred to above as appearing in the "25th Convention Summary", Monday, 9/12/60, afternoon session. This summary was enclosure #12 to New York with report of SA [redacted] dated 10/20/60 at Newark regarding COMINFIL, UERMWA, New York 100-13644. (b)(d)(c)

2. Will verify from "UE News", 9/26/60, Page 9, information regarding SHUTTLESWORTH. This issue of "UE News" was furnished to New York by Newark letter dated 10/21/60 captioned "COMINFIL, UERMWA".

3. Will, as office of origin on UERMWA, furnish to Cincinnati and Atlanta an appropriate characterization of UERMWA.

4. Will appropriately advise Bureau, Atlanta and Cincinnati in accordance with instructions in reference Cincinnati letter dated 12/11/63.

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C, D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)

SUBJECT: CPUSA
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 12 copies of a letterhead memorandum dated 1/6/64; one copy is enclosed for Atlanta and Washington Field Office.

The sources used in this letterhead memorandum are as follows: (C)

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Agents who observed CLARENCE JONES on 1/3/64.

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This letterhead memorandum has been classified "Secret" because it contains information from [redacted] and [redacted] These sources have furnished highly sensitive information with respect to the racial situation in the New York area and Communist infiltration thereof, and it is felt that this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable positions of the informants in furnishing information of this nature (S) b2 b7D

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No. CONFIDENTIAL

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New York, New York
January 6, 1964

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Re: Communist Party,
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Negro Question
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On January 3, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones contacted Stanley Levison on that date. They made arrangements to meet at Levison's office, 6 East 39th Street, at 6:00 p.m., on January 3, 1964, for the purpose of discussing the meeting which Jones will have with Martin Luther King on January 5, 1964. Jones mentioned that King is a very sensitive person and was upset by the article in "Time" magazine in which he was named man of the year. Levison said he thought it was a poor article, but he said that it still might have a good effect in that it will make a lot of people angry. (S) U

On January 3, 1964, Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) observed Clarence Jones entering 6 East 39th Street at 3:01 p.m. Jones was observed departing from 6 East 39th Street at 4:58 p.m. with Stanley Levison. Jones and Levison returned to 6 East 39th Street at 5:30 p.m. Jones departed from this address at 5:55 p.m.

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[redacted], furnished information which indicated that Martin Luther King contacted Clarence Jones on that date. King said that while he is in Washington, D.C., for the Supreme Court case, he will be staying at the Willard Hotel. King stated that it will be all right if his picture is taken on the steps of the Supreme Court Building, and he said that he hopes that the case gets good coverage from the press. Jones indicated that he was certain the press would afford good coverage inasmuch as William Rogers, the former Attorney General, who will argue the case, represents "Newsweek" and the "Washington Post."

Jones said that he had a long talk with "our friend" last night, and he mentioned that "our friend" thinks tne material for "The Nation "should not be used until after the Congress convenes. Jones also mentioned that "our friend" thinks that most of the prints should be in draft form by the time King gets to New York.

King indicated that Ralph (Abernathy) and Wyatt (Walker) will be at the New York meeting, and he said tnat fund raising will be discussed with Billy Rowe. According to King, the meeting will start at 10:00 a.m. on January 8, 1964. King mentioned that he would stay at the New York Hilton Hotel and that he would come directly from Washington, D.C., to New York. King stated he will bring with him a financial report of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), and he indicated that this may help to straighten out the mess in the New York Chapter.

King mentioned that he had received congratulations from Roy (Wilkins) and Whitney (Young) regarding the "Man of the Year Award" by "Time" magazine, but he stated that he had not heard from Jim Farmer. Jones told King he had learned that [redacted]

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the derogatory information in the "Time" article came from a book, "A Negro Revolt" by Louis Lomax. Jones stated that Louis Lomax is "a totally dishonest man." King inquired about what "our friend" thought of the article, and Jones replied that "our friend" thinks "we are lucky 'Time' didn't go into the Communist issue or the financial issue."

King told Jones to arrange for a major magazine like "Life," "Look", or the "Saturday Evening Post" to do an "article in depth on Martin Luther King as the President of SCLC and as the Pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church". King also asked Jones to arrange a national net work television program concerning him (King) to be moderated by someone like Howard K. Smith of the American Broadcasting Company. (ABC).

Jones told King to make sure he attends the arguments at the Supreme Court in Washington, on January 6, 1964, since "the presence of Dr. King will have a tremendous effect on the Justices and will have a favorable influence in their decision." King stated he would be there. King said he was good friends with the family of Justice Black and that he was a friend of Justice Goldberg.

Ralph D. Abernathy is the Treasurer of the SCLC.

Wyatt T. Walker is Executive Assistant to the President of the SCLC.

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Martin Luther King is President of the SCLC.

Billy Rowe is a public relations man in New York City, and has been given the task of fund raising for the SCLC.

Roy Wilkins is Executive Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

James Farmer is National Director of the Congress of Racial Equality.

Whitney Young is Executive Secretary of the National Urban League.

With respect to the information concerning arguments before the United States Supreme Court, it is to be noted that the arguments involving a "libel case" are scheduled for January 6, 1964. The arguments involve "The New York Times" and the individual defendants who signed "the ad."

Governor Patterson of Alabama filed a one million dollar libel suit against "The New York Times," Martin Luther King, and four Negro clergymen for an ad appearing in the March 29, 1960 issue of "The New York Times".

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It is to be noted that it has been determined from [redacted] (C) b1
that when King and Jones refer to
"our friend" they are referring
to Stanley Levison.

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Stanley Levison was a secret member
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Clarence Jones is the General Counsel for the Gandhi Society For Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

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ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

Mr. W. C. Sullivan

Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

January 8, 1964

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Bland
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Forsyth
1 - Liaison
1 - Mr. Kleinkauf
1 - Mr. Phillips

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
NEGRO QUESTION
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

Memorandum from W. C. Sullivan to A. H. Belmont 12/24/63 summarized the results of a conference held at the Seat of Government 12/23/63 between Bureau officials and Supervisors and field representatives designed to explore how best to carry on our investigation of captioned matter to produce the desired results without embarrassment to the Bureau. We completely analyzed avenues of approach aimed at neutralizing Martin Luther King, Jr., as an effective Negro leader. One of the avenues explored was that concerning any facets of the financial operations of King and the organizations through which he operates which investigation might reveal either violations of the law or other potentials for discrediting King or otherwise neutralizing his effectiveness.

Bufiles contain two items of particular significance. A Washington Capital News Service release dated 10/22/63 reveals that King's integration organization had an income of more than $735,000 during the past fiscal year and spent only about half of it. It is stated that in a report of the financial status of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), of which King is President, King disclosed that the organization had a balance of $351,992.20 left 8/31/63 at the end of the fiscal year from a total income of $735,534.02. Another such news release dated 11/4/63 revealed that Representative George Andrews (D-Ala.) asked the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to investigate the tax status of the SCLC. Andrews is quoted as saying, "Thousands and thousands of dollars are collected and spent each year by so-called civil rights organizations and many people are beginning to suspect they could be a front for a full-grown racket."

It is noted that King's operations revolve principally around the SCLC. However, fund-raising operations on his part are further augmented by the activities of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, which commenced operations in 1962.

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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan
RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
NEGRO QUESTION
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
100-3-116

OBSERVATIONS:

It is believed that an examination of recent income tax returns of King might well reveal information which could assist the Bureau in its efforts to discredit King or neutralize his effectiveness. This is possibly applicable also if the income tax returns of the SCLC and the Gandhi Society were reviewed. In view of the possibility that the SCLC has already been under some investigation by IRS, a request for the results of such investigation is indicated. We also had information in late 1963 that the Gandhi Society was negotiating with IRS relative to tax exemptions and therefore the results of any IRS investigation of that Society would be worth procuring.

To date we have been most discreet and circumspect in our handling of the King investigation, as well as corollary investigations such as revolving around organizations, because of the position King has not only as a clergyman, but also as a "respected" Negro leader. It is therefore essential that our current requests of the IRS which are herein being recommended be handled in a manner which would provide for optimum security so that neither King nor any other unauthorized individuals may become aware of the Bureau's interest and so that no embarrassment may come to the Bureau. For this reason, the attached memoranda are classified "Secret."

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Liaison Section obtain two uncertified copies of each of the income tax returns available for the past five years pertaining to King, the SCLC and the Gandhi Society. Attached hereto are three memoranda for the use of the Liaison Section.

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1-Belmont
1-Sullivan
1-Bland
1-Baumgardner
1-Forsyth
1-Liaison
1-Kleinkauf
1-Phillips

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The main office of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) is located at 330 Auburn Avenue, Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia. The President of this organization is Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., who resides at 563 Johnson Avenue, Northeast, Atlanta.

It is requested that two uncertified copies each of any income tax returns submitted by the SCLC during the past five years be made available. It is also requested that the results of any investigation involving the income tax status of the SCLC likewise be made available.

NOTE:

See memo Baumgardner to Sullivan dated 1/8/64 captioned "Communist Party, USA, Negro Question, Communist Influence in Racial Matters, Internal Security - Communist," SFP:kmj. Classified "Secret" because the unauthorized disclosure of the Bureau's interest in this matter could result in serious damage to the Nation.

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INTERNAL SECURITY - C

ReATairtel to Bureau, copies to New York and Baltimore, 1-10-64, which enclosed a letterhead memorandum (LHM) concerning the annual top-level meeting of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) scheduled to be held at a church retreat area, Black Mountain, North Carolina, 1/20-22/64. An individual mentioned as planning to be at the meeting is a Dr. Reddick and a lead is set out for Baltimore to characterize the individual believed identical to this Reddick.

There have been recent other communications from Atlanta identifying individuals who are to attend the meeting and it should be noted that reLHM identified several other persons in addition to Reddick.

Atlanta is instructed to review its file in captioned matter for the identities of the individuals scheduled to attend the meeting and to be alert to additional information, if received, concerning attendees. As soon as possible after the meeting has been held, Atlanta should submit to the Bureau a summarizing LHM containing the identities of the individuals who attended or were scheduled to attend (if positive information is not known as to whether certain individuals actually attended), including any subversive information available about these persons. Such a summarizing communication will assist in determining what, if any, possible communist influence there may be in the SCLC. The LHM should be submitted under a dual caption pertaining to captioned matter as well as the current investigation of the SCLC.

New York should furnish any information available to Atlanta which will assist in the latter's preparation of the summarizing LHM.

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Recent correspondence from receiving offices gives some indication that individuals and/or organizations of interest to the Bureau relative to captioned matter may possibly be taking actions either designed to circumvent tax laws or actually in violation of such laws. As examples, the following specific references are noted:

Atlanta letter to the Bureau, copies to New York, 12/31/63 contains a reference in the top paragraph of page 2 to a contact between Martin Luther King, Jr., and Dr. Benjamin Mays, President, Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia, at which time a financial statement of King was discussed. Paragraphs 3 and 4 of page 2 of the referenced letter report on a discussion concerning Wyatt Walker, Executive Assistant of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and one Reverend Simeson (phonetic) of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. They discussed a possible speaking engagement for Martin Luther King, Jr., in Milwaukee and Simeson asked Walker how a donation could be given to King, tax exempt. Walker said that the plan they always used was to have checks made out to a local church, in this case a Milwaukee church, and that church in turn would endorse the check to "Southern Home Mission work." Walker said that some such as large as $5,000 have gone directly to King's church in Atlanta to avoid taxes.

New York airtel 1/3/64, copies to Atlanta, enclosed a letterhead memorandum of same date which reported in paragraph 2 of page 1 a contact between Clarence Jones and Harry Wachtel. Wachtel stated that he had received an invitation from Martin Luther King, Jr., to attend the "Black Mountain

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Retreat." Wachtel mentioned that the invitation stated that the bill would be paid by the Gandhi Society and that if the Gandhi Society pays the bill for the affair, it might lose its tax exemption. Wachtel therefore felt that this statement should be deleted from the invitations.

The Bureau believes that the references developed to date to any possible evasion or violation of tax laws are too indefinite to enable the Bureau to make any logical dissemination to the Internal Revenue Service or any other tax authorities at this time. Another factor for consideration, but not necessarily a deterring one, is the most sensitive and discreet nature of our current investigation of King and the groups with which he is associated.

Receiving offices should remain particularly alert to all references developed to any possible tax evasion or violation of tax laws and furnish the Bureau promptly such information as developed. Such information may be forthcoming relative not only to King, but to the organizations with which he is associated. No open investigation should be conducted to develop this type of information. However, as information of this nature is developed in connection with captioned matter it should be promptly furnished the Bureau.

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SAC, Atlanta (100-6520)

January 7, 1964

Director, FBI (100-3-116)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

1 - Mr. Baumgardner
(Field Supervision)
1 - Mr. Forsyth
1 - Mr. Phillips

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
NEGRO QUESTION
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INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Since recent establishment by your office of certain sensitive-type coverage pertaining to captioned matter your office has submitted a series of letters under above caption flagged to the personal attention of Assistant Director William C. Sullivan, which communications have reported upon the results of such coverage. These letters have contained a caution in an opening paragraph that the communication is not to be disseminated outside the Bureau and that "When pertinent to a report, it should be placed on Cover Pages only." These letters have not forwarded any letterhead memorandn (LHM) which would enable the Bureau to make dissemination when same might be indicated.

The Bureau has made a close analysis of the information being submitted by your office in the afore-mentioned communications and is now offering the following guidance and suggestions for future handling of the information emanating from the sources referred to above.

(1) Unless some specific reason exists pertaining to a specific matter involved, it will not be necessary for your office to flag these communications to the personal attention of Assistant Director Sullivan. He is regularly being apprised through Seat of Government channels of the more important aspects relating to captioned case.

(2) The review of communications submitted by your office to date appears to indicate that the greater bulk of information obtained from these sources is being furnished to the Bureau. This includes information which is voluminous

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and which, if closely analyzed at the field office level, might well indicate that the raw material could be distilled down so that the Bureau will be furnished only the more pertinent information. Of course, there may be situations where information would be of interest to another office, in which event it should be furnished to such other office; but, this would not necessarily require advising the Bureau. Each item must be considered on its own merits. Doubtful situations should, of course, be resolved in favor of including advice to the Bureau.

(3) The material being furnished the Bureau has been handled in most instances by letter. It is believed that some of the information being obtained would indicate that an airtel would be the more appropriate type of communication to use. Also, there may be situations wherein a teletype should be used. You should therefore give thorough consideration to utilizing a more expeditious means of communication than a letter in those instances where time is a vital element.

(4) Your office has not been submitting LHM's with the letters discussed herein. Each item of information obtained from these sources should be closely examined with a view to the necessity for possible dissemination at the Seat of Government and when same is indicated, the pertinent information should be included in an LHM. It is suggested that information obtained from these sources be classified "Secret." As a guide to assist you, it is suggested that your office review a number of the airtels and LHM's which the New York Office has been submitting to the Bureau (in many instances your office also receives copies) which concern the same subject matter and are from similar type sources. In this regard, you should discontinue using the caveat "When pertinent to a report, it should be placed on Cover Pages only." As you are aware, the Bureau is responsible for appropriate dissemination of matters in the security field and, particularly in captioned matter, considerable dissemination is being made on a daily basis to the Department. Some of the dissemination includes the Attorney General and even the White House. Therefore, information obtained from these sources should be considered

for inclusion in LHM's and investigative reports when appropriate. Should a question arise as to some specific data, an appropriate inquiry of the Bureau should serve to resolve whether or not the particular item in question may be included in communications prepared for possible dissemination.

(5) It is believed that the submissions from your office should be on a daily or near daily basis and that you avoid submitting communications covering information obtained from these sources over a period of several days. Following such procedure will prompt timeliness to not only your advice to the Bureau, but to the subsequent dissemination by the Bureau to other agencies. As an example in this regard, your attention is invited to your letter 12/31/63 which contains considerable information obtained on 12/17/63 and 12/18/63 and one item of information obtained on 12/19/63. It would have been more desirable to have submitted one or more communications concerning the 12/17/63 information, one or more concerning the 12/18/63 data and one concerning the 12/19/63 information. In this respect, also note that it would be far more desirable to segregate the information by subject matter as received. In other words, if on a particular date your sources report information pertaining to several different matters, it would facilitate reporting and administrative aspects, as well as timeliness, if the items were handled by separate communications. A close review of the 12/31/63 letter in question will indicate what specifically is intended by this suggestion.

(6) As an example of the necessity for including information in an LHM which merits dissemination, your attention is invited to another letter from your office dated 12/31/63 which contains information commencing at the bottom of page 3 and on all of page 4 concerning a discussion involving an Obstruction of Justice case. It is indicated that Wyatt Walker had told Slater King that Martin Luther King, Jr., had not followed through on Bobby Kennedy. Walker told Slater King that Martin wanted to wait until things calmed down after the assassination of

the President but if the Government does not withdraw from the case they plan to get a delegation together to go to the Department of Justice and the White House. Walker indicated this was the next step in their program. He said they will circulate petitions and at the same time send the pressure group to Washington and this should be sometime no later than 2/10/64. The Bureau intends to disseminate such information to the Department, the White House and other appropriate agencies.

In view of the above, you are instructed to furnish by return airtel an LHM classified "Secret" which may be used for dissemination purposes. It should be devoted exclusively to the matter referred to above.

(7) As indicated above, it is suggested that a review of copies of New York communications in this matter which your office has received should serve as a guide and should also serve as additional guidance to your office in handling the matters discussed above. Insure that all personnel engaged in captioned case are given the benefit of instant communication.

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SAC, Boston

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Information received at the Bureau indicates that a unit of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference has been established in your territory. You should carefully review all information available to you concerning this matter and individuals connected therewith and submit to the Bureau your recommendations regarding an investigation of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in your territory in accordance with provisions contained in Section 87F of the Manual of Instructions. This matter should be handled promptly. A copy of your communication should be furnished the New York Office which is office of origin in this matter.

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To: SACs, Charlotte (157-260)
Atlanta (100-6520)
New York (100-151548)

From: Director, FBI (100-3-116)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
NEGRO QUESTION
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

ReATlet to the Bureau, copies to Charlotte and New York, 12/31/63 which revealed plans for a retreat which Martin Luther King, Jr., and his associates in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference planned to have on property owned by the Episcopal Church near Asheville, North Carolina. The original plan was for this retreat to take place 1/6-8/64 and also to be invited were some people in the current Negro movement possibly not directly a part of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

ReCEairtel to the Bureau, copies to Atlanta and New York, 1/7/64 which disclosed the results of a discreet inquiry made which determined that the site of the retreat would likely be the In-The-Oaks Episcopal Center, Black Mountain, North Carolina. Charlotte requested advice as to what coverage of the retreat was desired and that no open investigation would be conducted unless requested by Atlanta, New York, or the Bureau.

For the information of Charlotte, subsequent information developed revealed that the retreat is now scheduled to take place the latter part of January, 1964.

1 - 100-106670 (Martin Luther King, Jr.)
1 - 100-438794 (Southern Christian Leadership Conference)
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RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C, D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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PERSONAL ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
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DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-260) (P)

SUBJECT: CP, USA
NEGRO QUESTION
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
(OO: NEW YORK)

Re Atlanta letter 12/31/63 in captioned matter setting out information concerning Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., planning a two-day meeting for 20 to 30 persons at the Episcopal Church Retreat near Asheville, N. C., 1/6-8/64.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] (b)(7)(c)

On 1/6/64, a pretext telephone call to Trinity Episcopal Church, Asheville, N. C., revealed the Regional Center for Church Conferences was located in or near Hendersonville, N. C., and was operated only during the summer months. The Diocese of Western North Carolina maintains In-The-Oaks Episcopal Center, Blue Ridge Road, Black Mountain, N. C., which is available for church and Christian groups to conduct conferences throughout the year by making advance reservations. These conferences are

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2 - New York (100-151545) (RM)
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4 - Charlotte (2 - 157-260)
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usually closed conferences and not opened to the public. The Center maintains a heated swimming pool, bowling alleys, have rooms for overnight guests and dining facilities. Mr. WALLACE GOODMAN is manager of the Center.

In-The-Oaks Episcopal Center, which has large grounds and opened to public travel, was observed and the Center did not appear to be occupied. The only vehicle at the main building was a repair truck with workmen on the roof of the building. There were a few automobiles at the office building located a short distance from the main building and two automobiles were noted at the manager's residence.

(b)(7)(D)

On 1/6/64, [redacted] an established source, advised there is no conferences being held at In-The-Oaks Episcopal Center this date. He stated he would maintain a daily check on this Center and advise when it appears they have a conference assembled here.

Atlanta and New York are requested to furnish any additional information received concerning the contemplated conference of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. and SCLC in the vicinity of Asheville, N. C., or if this conference has been canceled. If this conference is re-scheduled and is to be held at In-The-Oaks Episcopal Center, Diocese of Western North Carolina, Black Mountain, N. C., or elsewhere within the Charlotte Division, Atlanta and New York are also requested to advise what coverage is desired.

Contact will be maintained with [redacted], so as to be advised if the SCLC conference is held here. Pursuant to previous instructions, no open investigation is being conducted unless requested by Atlanta, New York or the Bureau.

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To: SACs, Charlotte (157-260)
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From: Director, FBI (100-3-116)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
RECORD QUESTION
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE
IN RACIAL MATTERS
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ReNYairtel 1/15/64, copies to Atlanta and Charlotte, which enclosed a letterhead memorandum of same date concerning a retreat which the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) has scheduled to start 1/20/64 at Black Mountain, North Carolina. The President of the SCLC, Martin Luther King, Jr., as well as many of the organization's leaders, is scheduled to attend the retreat.

Reairtel set out a lead for Charlotte as follows:

"Consistent with maximum security, Charlotte should endeavor, UACB, to take such steps as might be feasible to determine the nature of King's activities while at the Black Mountain retreat. Any positive course of action in this matter should first be cleared by the Bureau."

Attention is directed to Bairtel 1/10/64 to Charlotte, Atlanta, and New York which discussed the retreat and responded to Charlotte's request for advice as to what coverage of the retreat was desired. The Bureau instructed as follows:

1 - 100-106670 (Martin Luther King, Jr.)

1 - 100-438794 (Southern Christian Leadership Conference)

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Charlotte is instructed to abide by the instructions set out in the paragraph quoted immediately above, which instructions are applicable not only as to coverage of the retreat but also as to King's activities at the retreat.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794) DATE: 1/6/64

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-42300) (RUC) CONFIDENTIAL

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DATE 1/3/78 [illegible]

SUBJECT: COMINFIL
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ReCIlet to Director 12/11/63 requesting review of indices re FRED L. SHUTTLESWORTH, Cincinnati, Ohio, Secretary.

WFO indices and file references reviewed and were found to contain no additional subversive derogatory info re SHUTTLESWORTH.

For info, WFO file 157-253, entitled "FRED L. SHUTTLESWORTH vs. City of Birmingham, Racial Matters, (OO:WFO)" reveals:

Examination of Docket in U.S. Supreme Court in June, 1963, showed there was filed on 5/29/63 a Petition for Writ of Certiorari in case entitled FRED L. SHUTTLESWORTH vs. the City of Birmingham, Case No. 1140 Appellate. JACK GREENBERG was one of the attorneys for the petitioner.

The petition sets forth that SHUTTLESWORTH was arrested 5/17/61 at Greyhound Bus Station in Birmingham, Alabama, and charged with violation of Section 856, General City Code of Birmingham (preventing a police officer in the discharge of his legal duty).

On 12/5/61, SHUTTLESWORTH was tried and convicted of the charge in the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, and sentenced to pay a fine of $100 and costs. On failure to pay the fine he was sentenced to 52 days of hard labor. He was sentenced to an additional term of 180 days of hard labor and 16 days for costs.

Judgment of conviction was affirmed by the Alabama Court of Appeals on 10/23/62 and thereafter Petition for Writ of Certiorari filed in the Supreme Court of Alabama was stricken on 12/20/62 and application for rehearing was overruled on 2/28/63.

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As of 11/24/63 the Supreme Court docket showed this case pending, and WFO is following this matter. This info has been made available to Bureau and Birmingham under the Racial Matters caption.

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Report of SA [redacted] dated 7/12/63, at New York.

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LEADS

Two copies of this report are being furnished to the Atlanta Office, inasmuch as the National Headquarters of the SCLC are in Atlanta, Georgia. One copy of this report is being furnished to the Bureau file Cominfil Racial Matters, in view of the close association of the SCLC in that field.

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Will follow and report Cominfil of the SCLC.

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Report of: [redacted] Office: New York, New York
Date: 1/10/64

Field Office File #: 100-149194 Bureau File #: 100-438794

Title:
COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY -C

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF declassified DATE 1/9/74 less

Synopsis: The New York office of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) is at 312 West 125th St., NYC. RUTH BAILEY is in charge of this office which reportedly is being moved to Atlanta, Georgia. CP influences on SCLC set forth. Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, President of SCLC, attacked the anti-semitism of the Soviet government.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF declass DATE 5-28-80 FLB

DETAILS

This investigation is predicated upon information received that members of the Communist Party (CP) have infiltrated the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). This investigation is directed solely toward establishing the extent and result of this infiltration. The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is not investigating the legitimate activities of the SCLC.

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference will be abbreviated by the initials SCLC where appropriate in this report.

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A. OFFICIALS AND LOCATION OF SCLC

The Address Telephone Directory for the Borough of Manhattan, issued by the New York Telephone Company on November 21, 1963, contains the following listing for the office building at 312 West 125th Street, New York City:

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A characterization of the CSJMS may be found in the Appendix Section attached hereto.

The officers and staff of the SCLC, according to the program of the Seventh Annual Convention of the SCLC, held at Richmond, Virginia, from September 24 through September 27, 1963 includes the following:

Fourth Vice-President-C.O. SIMPKINS, D.D.S., Hollis, Long Island, New York

Regional Representative-GEORGE LAWRENCE, Brooklyn, New York

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This source advised that he had not seen or heard of O'DELL since his (the source) return to work on August 5, 1963. This source advised that RUTH BAILEY was now doing all of the work formerly done by O'DELL and was also signing all the SCLC letters.

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This source advised that RUTH BAILEY of the New York Office of the SCLC and a person known to the source only as CLAYTON, public relations man for the SCLC in Atlanta, visited the office [redacted] during November, 1963 and during this visit advised that O'DELL was no longer associated with the SCLC. b7D

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C. CP INFLUENCE

This source advised that CLARENCE JONES and STANLEY LEVISON discussed, during September, 1963, a candidate experienced in promotion work in whom the SCLC might be interested in hiring.

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N.Y. CLARENCE JONES is the General Counsel for the Gandhi Society for Human Rights.

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The Labor Youth League has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

This source advised that as of July 16, 1963 STANLEY LEVISON was a "secret" member of the CPUSA. (C)

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This source advised during September, 1963 that MARTIN LUTHER KING discussed the recent March on Washington with CLARENCE JONES of New York City and the possibility of the sale of a recording of the KING speech made during the March. This source advised that a discussion concerning the distribution of the profits from the sale of this record was also discussed.

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This source advised that MARTIN LUTHER KING and CLARENCE JONES discussed routine SCLC business during October, 1963 and further discussed a plan proposed by one HARRY WACHTEL relating to the bonding of persons under subpoena to appear before local courts as well as governmental committees.

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A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild may be found in the Appendix Section attached hereto.

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This source advised that CLARENCE JONES, during October, 1963, requested of HARRY WACHTEL that he represent the SCLC at a meeting to be held in New York City to discuss a Civil Rights Bail Fund.

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This source advised that MARTIN LUTHER KING and CLARENCE JONES discussed during late October ,1963 a candidate for the position of being in charge of the SCLC Office in New York City.

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This source advised that CLARENCE JONES and STANLEY LEVISON during October, 1963 discussed a proposed conference with SCLC officials relative to a candidate for a position with the SCLC office in New York City.

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This source advised that CLARENCE JONES and STANLEY LEVISON during late October, 1963 agreed that a previously proposed candidate for a position with the SCLC in New York City was not suitable for the job.

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On page five of the October 24, 1963 issue of the "National Guardian" is an article entitled, "Guardian Honors Shuttlesworth November 26" which reports that the "National Guardian" would honor the Reverend FRED L. SHUTTLESWORTH, Secretary of the SCLC, at a "Guardian dinner" in New York City on November 26, 1963.

A characterization of the "National Guardian" may be found in the Appendix Section attached hereto.

This source advised that MARTIN LUTHER KING and CLARENCE JONES discussed a proposed candidate for a position with the New York Office of the SCLC and JONES advised KING that he and a "friend" did not have a completely favorable reaction to the hiring of the proposed candidate.

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This source advised that MARTIN LUTHER KING discussed with CLARENCE JONES during late October, 1963 a proposed visit to New York City during November, 1963 by KING at which time KING would be the guest of honor at a dinner given in his honor by a prominent comedian and which dinner would be a potential source of future donations.

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This source advised that MARTIN LUTHER KING and CLARENCE JONES discussed during early November, 1963 the possibility of cancelling a November, 1963 dinner in New York City in honor of KING because of a conflict in plans which dinner would be given by a prominent comedian.

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This source advised that CLARENCE JONES and STANLEY LEVISON discussed the delay in publishing a book written by MARTIN LUTHER KING and the fact that the publisher desired to know when he could expect the KING manuscript.

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This source advised that CLARENCE JONES and STANLEY LEVISON discussed during November, 1963 a book written by MARTIN LUTHER KING and the necessity for editing and re-editing the book. JONES and LEVISON, according to the source, discussed the possibility that they(JONES and LEVISON) would have to go to Atlanta, Georgia in order to see KING in order to straighten out all of the problems in connection with the publication of this book.

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This source advised that CLARENCE JONES and STANLEY LEVISON agreed to meet with MARTIN LUTHER KING at Idlewild Airport in New York City, on November 20, 1963 in order to discuss the problems in connection with a book written by KING and adding that KING would be at the airport in New York City a short time during a layover between planes.

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This source advised that STANLEY LEVISON discussed with a representative of the publishers of MARTIN LUTHER KING's book objections that KING had raised relative to the book. [redacted]

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BENJAMIN DAVIS on May 6, 1962, while addressing a group in Brooklyn, New York, stated that he was then National Secretary of the CPUSA.

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This source advised that CLARENCE JONES and HARRY WACHTEL discussed a recent publication of the "SCLC News Letter" and SCLC affairs and the need to meet with the Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING in order to brief him with "ideas".

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This source advised that STANLEY LEVISON and CLARENCE JONES discussed the MARTIN LUTHER KING book and the need to revise several chapters. The source also advised that both discussed the belief that the SCLC office and operations then in New York City would be moved to Atlanta, Georgia.

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The source advised that MARTIN LUTHUR KING and CLARENCE JONES discussed during early December, 1963 the need for JONES, WACHTEL and KING to meet in order that problems could be resolved and tentative plans were made to meet in Atlanta, Georgia during December, 1963.

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D. ANTI-SOVIET STATEMENT BY AN OFFICIAL OF THE SCLC

On page thirty of the October 20, 1963 issue of the "New York Journal American" is a news article entitled, "Rev. King Blasts Red Anti-Semitism" which reports that the Reverend M.L. KING, Head of the SCLC, "lashed out at Soviet government attempts to liquidate the Jewish people in Russia" during a speech at Kiamesha Lake, New York on November 19, 1963.

1. APPENDIX

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

"Following the execution of atomic spies ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG in June, 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon MORTON SOBELL, 'the ROSENBERGS' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case - a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953, and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case'. . . ."

("Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" dated December 1, 1961, issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 116.)

In September, 1954, the name "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" appeared on literature issued by the Committee. In March, 1955, the current name, "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell," first appeared on literature issued by the Committee.

The Address Telephone Directory for the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, as published by the New York Telephone Company, on April 16, 1963, lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" (CSJMS) as being located at 940 Broadway, New York, New York.

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1. APPENDIX

"NATIONAL GUARDIAN"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian":

"National Guardian

"1. 'established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly * * *. Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the ROSENBERGS and MORTON SOBELL, August 25, 1956, p. 12.)"

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APPENDIX

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild

"1. Cited as a Communist front. (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)

"2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.)

"3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.' (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

New York, New York

January, 1964

NY 100-149194
Bufile 100-438794

Title Communist Infiltration of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference

Character Internal Security-C

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above, at New York. b7C

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)

SUBJECT: CPUSA
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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED PURSUANT SLIP(S) OF Class. DATE 1/3/78

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 6 copies of a letterhead memorandum dated 1/10/64 and one for Atlanta.

The sources used in the letterhead memorandum are as follows:

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Indices of the NYO contain nothing identifiable with ADELE CANTOR.

This letterhead memorandum has been classified "Secret" because it contains information from [redacted] and [redacted] Sources have furnished highly sensitive information with respect to the racial situation in the NY area and Communist infiltration thereof, and it is felt that this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable positions of the informants in furnishing information of this nature. b2 b7D

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

CONFIDENTIAL

New York, New York
January 10, 1964

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP (S) OF C/NSS DATE 5-25-80

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF Classification DATE 1/3/78 KSS

Re: Communist Party, United States of America
Negro Question
Communist Influence in Racial Matters
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On January 4, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Martin Luther King contacted Clarence Jones on that date. During the course of their discussion, King mentioned that Ralph (Abernathy) and Wyatt (Walker) will be at the New York meeting, and he said that fund raising will be discussed with Billy Rowe. According to King, the meeting will start at 10:00 AM on January 8, 1964. King also mentioned that he would be at the New York Hilton Hotel. King stated he would bring with him a financial report of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), and he indicated that this might help to straighten out the mess in the New York Chapter.

On January 9, 1964, a second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones contacted Stanley Levison on that date. Jones mentioned that he will be at the SCLC office on January 13, 1964 to talk to Ruth Bailey, who is employed in that office. Jones remarked that "they won't get any money until they talk".

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Levison said that he was amazed by the lack of interest shown in this problem yesterday. Levison told Jones to handle this matter with Ruth Bailey diplomatically. Levison stated that "the problem with these people was that they made policy without considering the parent organizatin". Levison related that the New York Office of the SCLC "just got out of control and it will have to be set straight right now".

Levison told Jones that they had resolved the problem of Al Duckett yesterday while he (Jones) was out of the room. Levison said they feel the fact that Duckett can contact such people as Jack Robinson and Rockefeller outweighs his shortcomings. Jones said that any problems Bayard (Rustin) can cause Martin Luther King are mild compared to those which Duckett can cause King. Levison remarked that Jones should have raised these objections yesterday.

Levison stated that Ed Clayton is doing a tremendous job with the "SCLC Newsletter" even though he is a drunk. Levison stated "if those jerks can tolerate Wyatt (Walker) why can't they take care of this drunk". He mentioned that Wyatt has "real problems". Levison stated that Billy Rowe has some good ideas but talks about things he is not experienced in and, therefore, did not make the best impression yesterday. Jones remarked, "that jerk Wyatt thinks he can run all the public relations aspects of this show".

Jones asked Levison what King thought about being "man of the year". Levison said that King related he (King) has [illegible] at his home and "what's one more".

Communist Party, United States of America
Negro Question
Communist Influence in Racial Matters.

Jones and Levison agreed to meet on January 15, 1964 at 1:00 PM at Levison's office at 6 East 39th Street.

The same source furnished information which indicated that Adele Cantor, who is related to Gloria Cantor, Jones' girlfriend, contacted Jones on that date. Jones made an appointment with her to interview her for a job on January 15, 1964 at 1:00 PM, at 6 East 39th Street, Park Management Company, 6th floor, which is Levison's company.

The same source advised that Jones made an inquiry at the New York Office of the SCLC regarding Ruth Bailey on January 9, 1964. Upon learning that she was not there, Jones left a message that Reverend Abernathy has money for the New York Office but that he must obtain certain information from Bailey before he will send the money. Jones made arrangements to see her on January 13, 1964 at 10:00 AM.

Ralph D. Abernathy is the Treasurer of the SCLC.

Wyatt T. Walker is Executive Assistant to the President of SCLC.

Martin Luther King is President of the SCLC.

Billy Rowe is a public relations man in New York City, and has been given the task of fund raising for the SCLC.

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Coomunist Party, United States of America
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Ed Clayton is Director of Public Relations for the SCLC.

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Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, United States of America.)

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Communist Party, United States of America
Negro Question
Communist Influence in Racial Matters

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel for the Gandhi Society For Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

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The LYI has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Communist Party, United States of America
Negro Question
Communist Influence in Racial Matters

[redacted] advised that one Alfred Duckett was a member of the United Negro and Allied Veterans of America (UNAVA).

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the UNAVA:

"1. Cited as subversive and among the affiliates and committees of the Communist Party, USA, which seeks 'to alter the form of government of the United States by unconstitutional means'. (Attorney General Tom Clark, letter to Loyalty Review Board, released December 4, 1947.)

"2. Cited as a Communist front 'formed to provoke racial friction'. (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p 92.)"

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Re: Communist Party, United States
of America - Negro Question
Communist Influence In Racial Matters
Internal Security - C

The "New York Herald Tribune" issue of August 14, 1963, page 7, column 1, contains an article captioned "Thurmond Assails A Leader of March". The article stated that, in answer to charges by Senator Strom Thurmond, Bayard Rustin admitted joining the Young Communist League (YCL) in 1936. Rustin also reportedly stated that he broke completely with the YCL in June, 1941.

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker", issue of February 25, 1957, page 1, column 1, contained an article which stated that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was one of eight non-communist observers at the Communist Party National Convention in 1957.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (PERSONAL ATTENTION ASST. 1/8/64
DIRECTOR W. C. SULLIVAN, DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.)

CONFIDENTIAL

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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Southern [illegible] Conference

Re Atlanta letter to Bureau, 12/31/63.

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The records of the Milwaukee Office do not contain any information regarding FINLAYSON.

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RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C, D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Unrecorded serial dated 1/9/64 pulled from this file under court order of U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to National Archives.

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ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, W. C. SULLIVAN
DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

SAC, MILWAUKEE (157-138) -PUC-

CP, USA
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Re Atlanta letter to Bureau, 1/6/64.

The Rev. OLIVER W. GIBSON is President of Wesley Methodist Church, Beloit, Wisconsin, resides 1014 Copeland Avenue, Beloit, Wisconsin, telephone [illegible] (362-[illegible]).

Milwaukee Indices contain the following background information concerning GIBSON:

Rev. OLIVER W. GIBSON formerly resided at 1406 South Valmar, Little Rock, Arkansas and was Pastor of the White Memorial Methodist Church, a negro church. His wife is MARJORIE, and she is believed to have taught in a negro school in Little Rock. [redacted]

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[redacted] At that time, Birmingham had no record for GIBSON and the Little Rock Office had no security information regarding GIBSON. In a Little Rock case involving the bombing of a residence of one of the original nine negroes to enter Little Rock Central High School, GIBSON furnished information, the reliability of which was very questionable, and acted as spiritual advisor for one of the negro subjects. While in Little Rock, Arkansas, GIBSON associated with white and negro groups advocating integration.

The April 15, 1961 issue of the Beloit Daily News, a daily newspaper published at Beloit, Wisconsin, contained a letter to the editor from GIBSON, wherein he lists himself as president of the Beloit branch of the NAACP. In this letter, he points out that Beloit, Wisconsin has possibilities of being a model city from the standpoint of size and other qualities except they have prejudice and discrimination; and then he asked questions as to why negroes are not employed by the police department, fire department, certain jobs in the telephone company, public utilities, Beloit Iron Works, faculty of the high school, sales and clerical capacity in department stores and at the Fairbanks-Morse Company in Beloit, Wisconsin.

The May 4, 1961 issue of the Rockford Morning Star, a daily newspaper published at Rockford, Illinois, contained an article under the headline, "Freedom Week Rivalry Ended," and stated that representatives of the Beloit Freedom Week Committee and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People stated principles of their separate rallies scheduled for May 6, 1961. Although differing in their interpretation of freedom, both groups emphasized that the two observances would not interfere with each other. This was a joint statement by Rev. O. W. GIBSON, president of the NAACP, and MY. JAYSON, Chairman of the Freedom Week Committee.

The May 8, 1961 issue of the Beloit Daily News contained an article describing a rally of Beloit negroes held May 6, 1961, wherein the main speaker was

the Rev. O. W. GIBSON, President of the Beloit NAACP and pastor of the Wesley Methodist Church. The article stated that nearly 300 Beloit negroes, joined by about 45 white persons, participated in a mass freedom rally May 6, 1961 at Beloit, Wisconsin.

The June 14, 1961 issue of the Wisconsin State Journal, a daily newspaper published at Madison, Wisconsin contained an article describing a civil rights rally of about 200 persons held on the steps of the Wisconsin State Capitol, Madison, Wisconsin, Tuesday, June 13, 1961. The group was addressed by Wisconsin Governor GAYLORD NELSON and Rev. OLIVER W. GIBSON of Beloit, who stated, "We want legislative action." GIBSON was described as one who participated in the anti-segregation struggle in Little Rock, Arkansas, as a minister of a congregation there for four years and noted discrimination here and contrasted the difference between government leaders in Wisconsin and the South, stating, "The only difference I see here in Wisconsin is that this time the governor is on our side." (b)(7)(D)

On May 8, 1961, [redacted], advised that the negro rally held on [redacted] in Beloit had been very orderly. There was no indication of any violence and no urging of violence on the part of GIBSON; [redacted] stated that the subject has become the spokesman for most of the negro groups in Beloit, Wisconsin and apparently has taken a continual interest in attempting to obtain employment for negroes, particularly in the municipality of Beloit, Wisconsin.

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Date of Mail 1-10-64

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

JUNE

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (Bufile 100-106670) DATE: 1/10/64

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-136585)

SUBJECT: JUSTIFICATION FOR CONTINUATION OF TECHNICAL OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

RE: Title MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Character of Case SM-C
Field Office New York (b)(2)
Symbol Number [redacted] (b)(7)(D)
Type of Surveillance: (Technical ~~or Microphone~~)

1. Name of person or organization on whom surveillance placed:

Southern Christian Leadership Conference

2. Address where installation made. Also give exact room number or area covered:

312 West 125th St., NYC

3. [redacted] (b)(1)

4. Dates of initial authorization and installation:

Authorized 10/14/63
Installed 10/24/63
10/30/63

5. Previous and other installations on the same subject (with dates and places):

None

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6. [redacted] (b)(7)(E)

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17. Remarks (By SAC):

Unless information is received which would justify continuance of this source, the NYO will discontinue coverage on 1/24/64.

18. **Recommendation by Assistant Director:**
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SAC, New York (100-136585) 1-17-64

Director, FBI (100-106670)

JUNE

1 - Mr. Bland
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Donohue
1 - Mr. Phillips
1 - Mr. Forsyth

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reurlet 1-10-64.

The Bureau concurs with your recommendation to discontinue the technical coverage on the Southern Christian Leadership Conference Office at 312 West 125th Street, New York City, as of 1-24-64, providing no information is received in the interim to indicate to the contrary.

Because of the controversial nature and the subversive connections of the subject, you should remain alert for any indication that the personnel of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference Office in New York is augmented in any way. Particularly, you should be alert for any information indicating an office manager or director is appointed to run this office. In the event this occurs, with the possibility of additional activity which might show the subversive influences on King or the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, you should submit your recommendation as to reactivating the technical coverage on the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

You are instructed to promptly advise the Bureau the date and time this technical installation is discontinued.

2 - New York (SCLC)

1 - 100-433794 (SCLC)

NOTE:

[redacted] a technical surveillance, was authorized 10-14-63 and installed 10-24-63. Referenced letter from New York indicates no information of any value has been received to date from this source. This is possibly due to the fact the Southern Christian Leadership Conference has not to date appointed a director for the New York Office.

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64 JAN 29 1964

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The source used in the letterhead memorandum is as follows:

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The agents who observed CLARENCE JONES and STANLEY LEVISON meet in the lobby of the NY Hilton Hotel the morning of 1/8/64 are as follows:

[redacted] b7C

The agents who observed MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., JONES, LEVISON, LEE, WALKER and ABERNATHY leaving the NY Hilton Hotel on the evening of 1/8/64 are as follows:

[redacted] b7C

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It was ascertained by discreet use of the "House" telephone that KING and his party had checked out of the NY Hilton Hotel at 5:00 PM, 1/8/64.

This letterhead memorandum has been classified "Secret" because it contains information from [redacted] This source has furnished highly sensitive information with respect to the racial situation in the NY area and Communist infiltration thereof, and it is felt that this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable positions of the informants in furnishing information of this nature.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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New York, New York
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Re: Communist Party, United States of America
Negro Question
Communist Influence in Racial Matters
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(C) [redacted] b1 furnished information which indicated that Martin Luther King contacted Clarence Jones on that date. During the course of their discussion, King indicated that Ralph (Abernathy) and Wyatt (Walker) will be at the New York meeting, and he said that fund raising will be discussed with Billy Rowe. According to King, the meeting will start at 10:00 AM on January 8, 1964. King also mentioned that he would stay at the New York Hilton Hotel. King stated that he would bring with him a financial report of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), and he indicated that this may help to straighten out the mess in the New York Chapter.

(C) [redacted] b1 that Clarence Jones mentioned "they" had discussed the SCLC yesterday. Jones said that it had been decided that there would be a complete revamping of the New York Office of the SCLC. He also mentioned that it had been decided that the New York Office of the SCLC would be closed at its present location and moved to some

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location at midtown Manhattan. Jones indicated that in the new office there would be only white, women employees and that a full time employee would earn from $100.00 to $150.00 a week. According to the source, Ann Jones, who is the wife of Clarence Jones, said she would be interested in employment there.

Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on January 8, 1964, observed Stanley Levison entering the New York Hilton Hotel, 6th Avenue and 53rd Street, at 9:41 AM. Clarence Jones was observed entering the New York Hilton Hotel at 9:52 AM. Jones and Levison met in the lobby and then took an elevator to the 33rd floor. At 4:59 PM, on January 8, 1964, agents observed Martin Luther King, Stanley Levison, and Clarence Jones departing from the New York Hilton Hotel. Bernard Lee, Wyatt T. Walker and Ralph D. Abernathy were also observed departing from the hotel at this time.

Ralph D. Abernathy is the Treasurer of the SCLC.

Wyatt T. Walker is Executive Assistant to the President of the SCLC.

Martin Luther King is President of the SCLC.

Bernard Lee is an Assistant to Martin Luther King.

Billy Rowe is a public relations man in New York City, and has been given the task of fund raising for the SCLC.

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[redacted] Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, United States of America.

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Clarence Jones is the General Counsel for the Gandhi Society For Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

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The LYL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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